

## **VAIL & VICKERS LETTER BOOK**

### **July 18, 1901- June 6, 1903**

Abbreviations used are as follows:

- CA (California)
- JVV (John Van Vickers)
- WLW (Walter L. Vail)
- LA (Los Angeles)
- SB (Santa Barbara)
- SF (San Francisco)
- SRI (Santa Rosa Island)

Unlike with the Santa Cruz Island Company letter books, no mention is made of language. All letters are in English. During the period that this volume covers, JVV wrote his letters in cursive that is difficult to read, in part because the volume had gotten damp at some point in the past. WLW used a typewriter.

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## Sheets 1-2

From JVV, LA to William A. Deane, Clerk, Superior Court, SF, July 18, 1901.

Topic: Case number 14070, A.P. More vs. Eliza M. Miller. Decree of distribution made May 21, 1901, by Judge Coffey. Eliza More Miller was a sister of A.P. More who became administrator of his estate. Potential appeal from distribution decree.

## Sheet 3

From JVV, LA to Bank of California, [SF], July 20, 1901.

Topic: More v. Miller, potential appeal from distribution decree.

## Sheet 4

From JVV, LA to SB County National Bank, [SB], July 20, 1901.

Topic: Acquisition of Mrs. Cornelia A. Baldwin's 3/24 interest in SRI.

"Enc please find Mr. Vail's check for \$5000, my check for \$5000, \$10,000 for Mrs. Cornelia A. Baldwin per our agreement and her deed escrow instructions to you."

## Sheet 5

From WLV, LA to Benjamin Goodrich, Esq., Goodrich & McCutchen, LA, July 20, 1901.

Topic: Cover letter for legal fees paid in conjunction with acquisition of SRI interests, separate business deal made with a person named Mortham.

## Sheet 6

From WLV, LA to C.W. Rasey, Recorder SB County, SB, July 22, 1901.

Topic: Cover note for deed from Martha Jane Orcutt to Vail & Vickers. Mrs. Orcutt held a 3/24 interest in SRI that was the first interest purchased by Vail & Vickers, on June 8, 1901.

## Sheet 7

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, SRI, July 24, 1901.

Topic: Letter of introduction for Hancock Banning, who was going to visit the Island.

## Sheets 8-9

From JVV, LA to Judge Van R. Paterson, [SF], July 24, 1901.

Topics: More v. Miller, potential appeal from distribution decree, extension of SRI Company escrow period for purchase on account of the appeal.

Judge Paterson was at the time an attorney and partner in the firm of Rogers, Paterson & Slack in San Francisco (**California Attorneys Directory**, 1899). Language in the letter indicates that Paterson was the attorney for Santa Rosa Island Company. The letters spell his name with two t's, whereas the directory spells it with one and thus the single-t spelling is used herein.

#### Sheet 10

From JVV, LA to Bank of California, [SF], July 29, 1901.

Topics: More v. Miller, potential appeal from distribution decree, extension of SRI Company escrow period for purchase on account of the appeal.

#### Sheet 11

From JVV, LA to Judge Van R. Paterson [SF], July 29, 1901.

Topics: Extension of SRI Company escrow period, More v. Miller, appeal from distribution decree, 1/8 interest in SRI represented by lawyer W.J. Bartnett.

W.J. Bartnett was with the law firm of Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett in San Francisco (**California Attorneys Directory**, 1899).

"Have you seen Mr. Bartnett re: the 1/8<sup>th</sup> you thought you could buy from him?" At Sheet 149 we learn that the interest represented was that held by Albert W. and John C. More, described on **Islapedia** as being 2/24.

#### Sheets 12-15

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], August 8, 1901.

Topics: Shipment of sheep, feed, and supplies to the Island, dipping sheep, sending of dogs to the Island.

The sheep sent out were "all high grade Shropshires."

"Expect to send a thoroughbred greyhound bitch she is a good hunter I think, I saw her pick up squirrels beautifully, perhaps later I can find a good staghound dog . . . [limited legibility]. If necessary, to catch the wild dog I think you can take the bitch when in heat to near where he hides or runs if you know and tie her up and stay within range and kill him when he comes near her."

#### Sheet 16

From JVV, LA to George Carson (no place given), August 9, 1901.

Topic: Cover letter for payment for sheep purchase.

#### Sheet 17

From JVV, LA to Judge Van R. Paterson [SF], August 16, 1901.

Topics: 1/8 interest in SRI represented by lawyer Bartnett, inquiry as to when appeal in More v. Miller will come onto the court calendar.

Sheet 18

From JVV, LA to Bank of California, [SF], August 26, 1901.

Topic: Extension of escrow period for deed from Santa Rosa Island Company.

Sheet 19

From JVV, LA to Judge Van R. Paterson, SF, August 28, 1901.

Topics: Escrow extension, More v. Miller appeal, interest represented by W.J. Bartnett.

Sheet 20

From WLV, LA to Frank More, SF, September 5, 1901.

Topic: Response to employment inquiry.

Sheets 21-22

From JVV, LA to Hugh Vail, [SB], September 7, 1901.

Topics: Transportation to and from SRI, workers for SRI.

"We would like to know if your yachtsman – Mr. Vasquez – I think is his name, would like to call at Santa Rosa Island 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> with a letter to our man there and carry him over to Santa Barbara and give him time to pick up 3 or 4 men (workers for the S.R. Island) and take them over, if so what he would charge."

"If you will kindly see Mr. Vasquez and let us know we will be quite obliged – Mr. Vail was thinking perhaps Mr. Vasquez goes fishing off that way and may be suited to make calls there for us with & for mail &c from time to time as requested with profit to himself and small expense to us."

Sheet 23 illegible

Sheet 24

From WLV, LA to John R. More, SB, September 17, 1901.

Topic: Response to employment inquiry.

Sheet 25

From WLV, LA to George D. Gray, SF, September 17, 1901.

Topic: Declining to purchase a vessel named the "Bessie K." She was an 84.5-foot steamer built in 1893 in Alameda, and San Francisco was her home port (MVUS 1901, page 214). Vail left the door open by writing "Should she stop at San Diego, as I understand she may, I will try and see her."

#### Sheet 26

From WLV, LA to William E. Palmer, Gold State & Miners Iron Works, SF, September 17, 1901.

Topic: Steamer "Bessie K."

"From her description she is about what we want, but on account of her age the price seems to me to be high. A boat of the same description I believe would cost about \$10,000 built at San Pedro, but as I have not seen the craft it is impossible for me to judge, and even then with my slight knowledge of boats I would want some one else's opinion. The Bessie K. will sail for Mexico I presume tomorrow and will probably stop at San Diego. If so I will run down and see her."

#### Sheet 27

From WLV, LA to Hon. Van R. Paterson, SF, September 17, 1901.

Topics: Consignment of wool to one P.W. Watson (recommended by the Judge) for brokerage/sale, missed connection, interest in SRI represented by W.J. Bartnett, condition of structures on SRI, other owners of SRI interests, need for a boat.

"Those who still hold interests in the Island should know that all improvements there are in very bad condition, and inside of eighteen months all fencing and the wharf must be built over, or they will be flat. We are willing to do what is fair and right by these outside owners, but they must meet us half way if they expect to do business. I find it is absolutely necessary to purchase a boat with which to do our business and Mr. Vickers and myself may come up shortly. If so will call on you."

#### Sheet 28

From WLV, LA to W.H. Newell, West Coast Lumber Co., SF, September 17, 1901.

Topic: Steamer "Bessie K."

"I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in regard to the boat, but as Mr. Vickers, who is an equal partner with me in the Island, is in Texas, I did not like to take the responsibility of buying a boat for \$8000. We have plans for a new boat just about her size, that parties offered to contract for \$10,000, so that this boat at \$8000 would have been higher, considering her life. At the same time, she no doubt might have been the best thing we could buy if we had time to look her over carefully. Am much obliged for the remarks about Mr. Gray, and I have heard him highly spoken of by others."

Sheet 29

From WLV, LA to JVV, Tombstone, Arizona, September 17, 1901.

Topics: Steamer "Bessie K", Warner's Ranch, Frank Pepper, shearing, interest in SRI represented by W.J. Bartnett.

"I have a lot of correspondence in regard to boats, and probably if you had been here, we might have made a trade for a boat in San Francisco, but I did not like to take the responsibility without your being here. I looked at one that I think would do temporarily, but afterwards heard of one 84 feet long, with power in, that is just about what we would build if we built at the present time. She however has taken a charter to Mexico and will probably be in San Diego next Sunday, and if so, and if we are both here, it might pay us to look her over."

"I start for Warner in the morning, and will leave the correspondence in regard to this matter on your desk, as well as letter from Frank Pepper in regard to shearing."

"I saw Judge Paterson in San Francisco, and the best proposition he has on the Bartnett 2/24 is \$26,000. I intended to have done more in regard to this matter than I did, but only succeeded in catching Paterson once, as he left town the day after I got to San Francisco. It might be well to authorize Paterson to buy the interest at same price we pay for his, but would not do this without first consulting with you."

Sheets 17 and 19 refer to the Bartnett interest as being 1/8 [3/24]. That conflicts with the 2/24 description in this letter and the 1/12 in the following, as well as in the letter at Sheet 47.

Sheet 30

From WLV, LA to Hon. Van R. Paterson, Paterson & Slack, SF, September 26, 1901.

Topics: 1/12 interest in SRI represented by W.J. Bartnett, More v. Miller.

"I have expected to be in San Francisco before this time, but business has prevented my coming; and Mr. Vickers has been in Texas and has just returned from there, and I have had some talk with him today in regard to the Bartnett 1/12 interest in Santa Rosa Island. We have decided to give you the authority to offer them \$21,666.66, which is the same as the Island Interest will cost when we are all through, and \$2500 more than the company gets, as they only get \$30,000 for 3/24. You will understand that anything you do better than this shall be considered a commission and they are in my opinion doing well if they got \$20,000. Take this matter up and let us know what we can depend on."

"What is there new about the law suit and how soon do you think that matter can be settled?"

Sheets 31-32

From WLW, LA to F.S. Stimson, Ballard, Washington, September 27, 1901.

Topics: Vessel ["Mildred E."], question of whether an engine can be installed in her, planned uses for her.

"From description of the boat it seems she is as near as I know what we require for our work. Her age is of course against her, but my impression is that Nova Scotia larch is long lived. I was born in Nova Scotia, and my father built some very good vessels there and used them himself in the South African trade when I was a kid. I however know but little about vessels, as I left there very young."

"Neither would we care to purchase a boat unless her timbers were perfectly sound. Mr. J.V. Vickers and myself have purchased Santa Rosa Island, off the coast of Santa Barbara, and we wish to use the boat to freight cattle to and from San Pedro and the Island. We would run sometimes to Santa Barbara. We would also use the boat for transportation of our help, as well as of ourselves, and as we have very rough seas in the channels between the islands nothing but a good sea-worthy boat would be suitable. We of course are anxious to get as much freight room as possible, and cabin cuts but little figure, and a large cabin would of course take up freight room."

Sheet 33

From JVV, LA to B.A. Packard, Bisbee, Arizona, [date illegible].

Topic: Business transaction (nature unknown). Appears to be text for telegram.

Sheets 34-35

From JVV, LA to B.A. Packard, [Bisbee, Arizona], September 30, 1901.

Topic: Business transaction (nature unknown). Limited legibility.

Sheets 36-37

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], September 25, 1901.

Topics: Procurement of supplies, instructs Pepper to examine and forward invoices to LA for payment.

Sheets 38-39

From JVV, LA to Bank of California, [SF], October 1, 1901.

Topics: Appeal in More v. Miller, no further extensions of Santa Rosa Island Company escrow.

Sheet 40 (recto)

From JVV, LA to F.S. Stimson, Ballard, Washington, October 3, 1901.

Topic: Purchase of "Mildred E."

"Yours twenty third considered. If sails were new this spring we take her. See letter answer."  
Text for a telegram.

#### Sheet 40 (verso)

From JVV, LA to B.A. Packard, Bisbee, Arizona, October 3, 1901.  
Topic: Business transaction (nature unknown). Appears to be text for a telegram.

#### Sheet 41

From WLV, LA to F.S. Stimson, Ballard, Washington, October 4, 1901.  
Topic: Purchase of "Mildred E."

"You may buy and load her." Text for a telegram. The "and load" is a reference to the letter at Sheets 31-32 (September 27). In that letter Vail expressed the idea that if they bought the boat, they would have her loaded with lumber to be taken to SRI.

#### Sheets 42-43

From JVV, LA to Judge Van R. Paterson, [SF], October 4, 1901.  
Topics: Appeal in More v. Miller, escrow extension.

"As you have decided not to continue the escrow arrangement pending the appeal litigation, please authorize the Bank of California to refund us our \$5000."

#### Sheet 44

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett [SF], October 5, 1901.  
Topic: Interest in SRI represented by W.J. Bartnett.

"Yours of 2<sup>nd</sup> duly received. Your price is more than we want to pay. If your parties will meet us half way in the matter we would like you to call us up by telephone at about 10 AM Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at our expense, so we can talk with you regarding the business."

#### Sheet 45

From JVV, LA to E.S. Sheffield, Esq. (no place given), October 5, 1901.  
Topic: 1/24 interest in SRI.

"An attorney here named Gordon has spoken to our atty re the sale of an interest in Santa Rosa Island, we think likely it is the 1/24 that we know as your int. Do you know as to this? What progress has been made with the litigation per ownership of said interest? If consummated are you ready and desirous to sell same?"



#### Sheet 46

From JVV, LA to W.D. Stevenson (no place given), October 7, 1901.

Topic: Offer to purchase cattle ("full aged yearling steers").

#### Sheets 47, 49 (48 blank)

From JVV, LA to William J. Bartnett, Esq., Chicago, October 8, 1901.

Topic: 1/12 interest in SRI represented by Bartnett, offer from Vail & Vickers of \$22,000.

Bartnett was visiting Chicago at the time, staying at the Palmer House.

#### Sheets 50-51

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], October 11, 1901.

Topics: "Mildred E.", delivery of sheep to F.N. Gehl, horse breaking, potential hire of assistant for Pepper. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 52

From JVV, LA to Thomas J. Turner, Nogales, Arizona, October 12, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchase.

"Buy us from one to two thousand if good." Turner was acting as a purchasing agent, obtaining cattle for Vail & Vickers.

#### Sheets 53-54

From JVV, LA to Thomas J. Turner, [Nogales, Arizona], October 12, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchase.

Letter following up on Sheet 52, which is text for a telegram. Vickers authorized Turner to buy "good, full aged Mexican yearling steers classed & cut by you."

#### Sheet 55

From WLV, LA to Lincoln Fowler, Phoenix, October 15, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing.

"In regard to the Santa Rosa Island, would say that we do not expect to take any cattle on pasture, but will stock it ourselves, and we are now in the market to purchase yearling steers."

#### Sheet 56

From WLW, LA to D. Beadle, SF, October 15, 1901.

Topics: Vessel named "Mizpah," failure of Beadle to provide documentation on "Mizpah," purchase of "Mildred E."

The "Mizpah" referred to was most likely a 70-foot schooner based in Coos Bay, Oregon (MVUS 1901, page 140).

"You will remember I went to and examined a boat you had for sale by the name of 'Mizpah,' and hoped to very lately to be make [sic] some kind of arrangements to use her at the price I offered, provided you could furnish me with a record of the boat, showing who built her, and how old she was. Your son said this would be easy to get, and I should have this data, as you only knew what had been told you in regard to her age. Again on the 25<sup>th</sup> of last month I wrote to you, asking for these documents, but no reply has come and nothing in regard to the boat. So Mr. Vickers and myself have, we believe, purchased a schooner which we hope will answer our purpose, but we cannot tell until she arrives here from the north. Meanwhile, if you have the data in your office I have been waiting for you might send it, so that in case the boat we believe we have purchased is not suitable we can make further investigation of the 'Mizpah.' If you have not sent for the data you need not bother until you know that the boat I have spoken of does not suit, which I will inform you of."

Sheet 57

From WLW, LA to Rosaline Vasquez, SB, October 15, 1901.

Topic: Rate for trips to SRI.

"Your note and bill is handed to me by Mr. Vickers, for \$75, for three trips to the Island. I am not very familiar with this kind of work, but am somewhat surprised at the charge made of \$25 a trip for a boat the size of yours. We are anxious and willing to pay whatever is right, and I do not say this is not right but if we have to pay \$25 for a boat of this size, it would be cheaper to have a naphtha boat and do our business from San Pedro. In Mr. Pepper's letter to Mr. Vickers he said he thought I had made arrangements with you, so I have written him in regard to the matter. I also send copy of this to my cousin, Mr. Hugh Vail, in Santa Barbara, asking him to speak to you about it."

Sheet 58

From WLW, LA to Hugh P.D. Vail, SB, October 15, 1901.

Topics: Rosaline Vasquez, rate for trips to SRI.

Sheet 59

From WLW, LA to Rosaline Vasquez, SB, October 17, 1901.

Topic: Cover letter for payment of \$45.00 for three trips to SRI.

#### Sheet 60

From JVV, LA to Thomas J. Turner, [Nogales, Arizona], October 17, 1901.

Topic: Commission to purchase cattle.

#### Sheet 61

From JVV, LA to Thomas McNulta, (no place given), October 24, 1901.

Topic: Purchase of interest in SRI.

"We do not wish to buy any mortgages. We are ready to consider the purchase of the interest in the island when title or ownership is determined, at a reasonable price."

#### Sheet 62

From JVV, LA to Thomas J. Turner, [Nogales, Arizona], October 24, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers), inquiry as to progress.

#### Sheets 63-64

From JVV, LA to William [Riggs], [Willcox, Arizona], November 5, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers).

#### Sheet 65

From JVV, LA to B.A. Packard, [Bisbee, Arizona], November 5, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers).

#### Sheets 66-67

From JVV, LA to William [Riggs], [Willcox, Arizona], November 7, 1901.

Topic: Yearling steers and rail transportation of same.

#### Sheets 68-70

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], November 8, 1901.

Topics: Maintaining accounts, banking, shipment of one sack of wool each to parties in LA and SF for evaluation, shipment of hides and pelts to Harris Newmark & Co., LA, inquiry about quantities of wool available on the Island, elimination of wild dog (see also Sheet 15).

#### Sheet 71

From JVV, LA to L.W. Blain, SF, November 9, 1901.

Topics: Shipping, freight.

“Willing pay two hundred a trip for deckload and tow.” Text for a telegram.

From JVV, LA to T.J. Turner, Nogales, Arizona, November 9, 1901.

Topic: Purchase of yearling steers.

“Yours received. Prices too high don’t want them.” Text for a telegram.

Sheets 72-73

From JVV, LA to William [Riggs], [Willcox, Arizona], November 9, 1901.

Topics: Cattle purchasing, rail transport.

Sheets 74-75

From JVV, LA to John Blake, (no place given), November 9, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing, verifying validity of the sale.

“Dear Judge: Please go to Solomonville [Arizona] as soon as you conveniently can – and examine the records as to the C A cattle – Coronado Ranch cattle – of Robert F. Snyder who a few days ago made sale of said cattle (all cattle on said range) to “Vail & Gates” (for Vail & Gates & Vail & Vickers), see if they were his of record clear of incumbrances except as to taxes – on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> with no suits pending there to interfere with said sale & let me know.”

Sheet 76

From JVV, LA to William Riggs, Willcox, Arizona, November 11, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing. Text for a telegram.

Sheets 77-78

From JVV, LA to William [Riggs], [Willcox, Arizona], November 12, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers), planned trip to Arizona by Walter Vail.

Sheets 79-80

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], November 12, 1901.

Topic: Prospective purchase of a breeding cow and a “bull or two.” Limited legibility.

Sheets 81-82

From JVV, LA to B.A. Packard, [Bisbee, Arizona], November 14, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers). Limited legibility.

## Sheets 82-85

From JVV, LA to Walter Vail, (no place given), November 21, 1901.

Topics: Sheep and calves, travel to SRI, summarizing correspondence, interest in SRI represented by lawyer W.J. Barnett. Limited legibility.

"If you don't have anything to go to the Island soon, I think rather than run the risk and pay big prices too, we better wait until the high seas season is over.

## Sheet 86

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], November 22, 1901.

Topic: Wool (pricing).

"We have had a sack of wool shipped to you and I enc. herewith Stearns Wharf Co. receipt for same. Please examine it and let us know what such wool is worth."

## Sheet 87

From JVV, LA to K. Cohn & Co., [LA], November 22, 1901.

Topic: Wool (pricing).

## Sheet 88

From JVV, LA to C.H. Whittington, Las Casas, Texas?, November 22, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers).

## Sheet 89

From JVV, LA to Frank P. More, [SF], November 26, 1901.

Topic: Employment.

"We are doing but little with cattle on the Island as yet and I think do not need any additional help at present."

## Sheet 90

From JVV, LA to Luis Terrazas, (no place given), November 26, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (steer calves).

"Dear Governor—At what price f.o.b. Casas Grandes will you sell us 2000 steer calves from 6 to 12 mos. old, December delivery, to be in good shipping condition, we to have privilege to cut out 10%--& oblige. Yours Sincerely, J.V. Vickers." Terrazas had been governor of Chihuahua.

Sheet 91

From JVV, LA to J.R. Hamify & Co., [SF], November 29, 1901.

Topic: Transportation of cattle to SRI. Limited legibility.

Sheet 92

From JVV, LA to Beadle Bros., [SF], November 29, 1901.

Topic: Transportation of cattle to SRI.

"We expect to have a train of cattle here 3d of Dec and another 6<sup>th</sup> – en route for Santa Rosa Island – will you have any steam schooner there at any date near then available for our use? Kindly advise us by early date & oblige."

Sheet 93

From JVV, LA to A.W. Beadle & Co., [SF], November 29, 1901.

Topic: Transportation of cattle to SRI. As with the preceding two letters, this is an inquiry as to the availability of a ship to ferry cattle to the Island.

Sheet 94

From JVV, LA to Tax Collector, SB, November 29, 1901.

Topic: Taxes on SRI.

Sheets 95-97

From JVV, LA to George R. Williams, (no place given), November 29, 1901.

Topics: Transportation of cattle to SRI, charter of schooners, schooner "Mildred E.", Robert Dollar and potential use of one of his ships. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 11/29

Geo. R. Williams, Esq.

Dear Friend:

When I was in S.F. last week I arranged with J.R. Hamify & Co., A.W. Beadle & Co. and Beadle Bros. to use their steam schooners if we wish @\$200 per day now, for hauling cattle from San Pedro to Santa Rosa Island including tow of our little schooner the "Mildred E" with what she will carry on deck, we to pay at this rate for 24 hour days, by hours at pro rata rate that we have her – from time she ready to start north until we done with her, we can double back for other loads if ready so we can afford to do so – we to put false floor on deck and necessary fencing, at

our expense as to time, lumber & nails and extra help required. We expect a train load here Dec. 3d another Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, I do not know whether any boat of the parties I saw will be in port Dec. 3d or not. If weather good we will be in a hurry to push them along to avoid feed expense.

Please see Robert Dollar and arrange with him so that if he has a good schooner here when we want one that we can use it at same rate if we wish, also kindly see what date his will be ready to leave San Pedro and what her name – and let us know & oblige.

Yours sincerely, J.V. Vickers

Sheet 98

From WLV, LA to Ward & Taylor, San Pedro, November 30, 1901.  
Topics: Supplying of "Mildred E.", Captain James G. Prescott.

Sheet 99

From JVV, LA to A.W. Beadle & Co., [SF], December 2, 1901.  
Topic: Transportation of cattle to SRI.

Sheet 100

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], December 3, 1901.  
Topic: Wool (quantity).

"We have 128 bales in all."

Sheet 101

From WLV, LA to W.R. Patterson, Tucson, Arizona, December 3, 1901.  
Topic: Business transaction, nature unknown. Text for a telegram, limited legibility.

Sheet 102

From JVV, LA to J.R. Hamify & Co., [SF], December 4, 1901.  
Topic: Use of the steamer "South Coast."

Sheet 103

From JVV, LA to A.W. Beadle & Co., [SF], December 7, 1901.  
Topic: Use of the steamer "Grace Dollar."

"Our cattle are here, we are just in from San Pedro, we found the Grace Dollar there and expect to use her for forwarding this lot."

Sheets 104-105

From JVV, LA to Robert Dollar, [SF], December 7, 1901.

Topic: Use of the steamer "Grace Dollar," "Mildred E."

"Your favors 3d & 5<sup>th</sup> duly received. We were in San Pedro this morning. Your 'Grace Dollar' is there. We saw her and her Captain and he says we can have her Tuesday morning next. We have cattle here ready to load her and our schooner and will send rest of them to San Pedro Tuesday morning and load for Santa Rosa Island and probably have her return at once for another load, and then another if all goes well."

Sheet 106

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, Carpinteria, December 9, 1901.

Topic: Rental of pasture. Text for a telegram.

Sheet 107

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, [Carpinteria], December 9, 1901.

Topic: Rental of pasture. Limited legibility.

Sheets 108-109

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], December 10, 1901.

Topics: Shipment of cattle. Limited legibility.

Sheet 110

From JVV, LA to Robert Dollar, SF, December 12, 1901.

Topic: Use of the steamer "Grace Dollar." Text for a telegram.

Sheets 111-113

From JVV, LA to George S. Edwards, (no place given), December 17, 1901.

Topics: Property tax on SRI, acquisition of More interests on SRI. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 12/17

Geo. S. Edwards, Esq.

Dear Sir-



Yours 16<sup>th</sup> rec'd and noted, we have rec'd no statement from the Treasurer. I wrote him for one and have no reply. I suppose he has been rushed. If you can have first ½ received now of the 2/3 int. tax assessed to us, please do so and draw on us for the am't.

The Clifford Moore [sic] interest we think is included in the 2/3 to us. The 2/3 portion is made up of the Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Orcutt, Mrs. Rowe, and Clifford Moore. There are other interests that we have under contract, but we do not care to pay taxes on at present. Our portion of the tax on the int. bot. of you we stand ready to pay. In case the 2/3 int. (first ½) can be paid now without penalty, and you pay it for us as requested or get time for us to remit and let us know amt. and are [3 indistinct words] as you prefer [3 indistinct words] you to attend to Mrs. C. Moore paying his proportion thereof now. If penalty has to be paid we may [3 indistinct words] if now until 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ due I suppose. Don't you think so?

Very truly yours,  
J.V. Vickers  
a/c Vail & Vickers

Sheet 114

From WLV, LA to Stimson Hill Co., Ballard, Washington, December 19, 1901.  
Topic: Cover letter for reimbursement of monies paid with respect to "Mildred E."

Sheet 115

From WLV, LA to A. Ancker, Tehachapi, CA, December 21, 1901.  
Topic: Cover letter for note (\$1755) and chattel mortgage to secure same, for cattle sold to one William E. Cuddeback.

Sheet 116

From WLV, LA to William M. Riggs, c/o Coronado Ranch, Guthrie, Arizona, December 24, 1901.  
Topics: Sale of heifers, routing of cattle shipment from Arizona, funeral of Lillian Vickers.

"In regard to shipping the cattle, bill them as you suggest, to Vail & Vickers, Gaviota, and be sure and feed them at Los Angeles. . . . Mr. Vickers is anxious to have Clyde Smedley stay here until after Miss Lillian's funeral, so you best get someone else to come with you."

Interestingly Guthrie is a ghost town (former railroad stop). It had a post office from 1901 to 1922. <https://www.ghosttowns.com/states/az/guthrie.html>

Sheet 117

From WLV, LA to James G. Prescott, San Pedro, December 24, 1901.  
Topic: Cover note for checks.

Sheet 118

From WLV, LA to J.M. Dawson, Guthrie, Arizona, December 29, 1901, on behalf of Vail & Gates.

Topic: Cattle purchasing.

Sheet 119

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], January 11, 1902.

Topic: Cover note for check, weather, interest in purchasing six yearling bulls.

Includes the question "What per month are you charging us for your work?"

Sheet 120 blank

Sheet 121

From WLV, LA to William Riggs, Guthrie, Arizona, December 29, 1901.

Topic: Cattle purchasing. Cover note for a copy of the letter at Sheet 118.

Sheet 122

From WLV, LA to William S. Pollock, Southern Pacific, LA, December 31, 1901.

Topic: Cover note for check for freight on 3 carloads of cattle.

Sheet 123

From JVV, LA to William Riggs, [Guthrie, Arizona], January 2, 1902.

Topics: Weather, ending purchasing-agent relationship. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 1/2

Mr. William Riggs

Dear William

It is still dry here, we won't do anything much in stocking up at present, so won't need your good help any more now. Please send us a bill for your time & expenses & oblige.

Yours very truly,  
With best wishes,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 124

From JVV, LA to James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], January 2, 1902.

Topics: Fencing on SRI, "Mildred E."

Sheet 125

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, [Carpinteria], January 3, 1902.

Topics: Cover note for pasture rent, sympathy for a loss (nature unknown).

Sheets 126-127

From JVV, LA to James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], January 3, 1902.

Topics: Sacks, refurbishing of "Mildred E," Joe Fellows [shipwright]. Transcribed in full.

LA 1/3

Capt. J.G. Prescott

Dear Sir—Yours 2d rec'd. We will try to get a good count on the sacks.

If you think best you can stow the sails and keep them dry. And paint the boat.

Ask Mr. Joe Fellows to please look her masts over carefully and see what changes best to make and let us know if he will fix them and what needed to make them as they should be and what it will cost us to have the change made, and when he could do it, & oblige.

Yours truly,  
Vail & Vickers

Ask Mr. Fellows how it would do for us to take the topmasts off and let her go at that? V

Sheets 128-129

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, [SF], January 6, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of an interest in SRI that is encumbered by a mortgage. At sheet 149 (March 4), we learn that the interest was that held by Albert W. and John C. More.

"Kindly send the papers, all in order for delivery, to the First Nat. Bank here with instructions to allow our atty. reasonable time to examine same, then to deliver said papers to us on payment of \$8500. Please put us in communication with the mortgagee unless you will represent him, also let us know how long the note runs by the terms and whether mortgagee wishes renewal."

Sheet 130

From WLV, LA to William S. Pollock, Southern Pacific, LA, January 7, 1902.

Topic: Cover note for check to reimburse switching charges.

## Sheet 131

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, [SF], January 14, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of an interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], acknowledgment of receipt of abstract of title.

## Sheet 132

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, [Carpinteria], January 16, 1902.

Topics: J.M. Cox, maintenance of fences. Limited legibility.

## Sheets 133-134

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), January 20, 1902.

Topics: Visit from a Mr. De la Questa, a 1/48 interest in SRI, J.W. Taggart [SB attorney], weather. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 1/20

Dear Mr. Vail

Mr. De la Questa was in on 17<sup>th</sup> to see us re the 1/48<sup>th</sup> int. that Mr. Taggart wrote about – he wants to do business – The result of our talk was that I gave him to understand we would pay \$5000. He said that would not buy it but before leaving said he would divide the difference with us and would wait a few days for you to get back and for us to let him or Mr. Taggart know. I told him you were expected here 18<sup>th</sup>, what about it?

Ed. Clifford wrote on 17<sup>th</sup> stating that he is ready to negotiate for sale of 1/48<sup>th</sup> int. I today wrote him that I expect you in a week, then we will talk the matter over. I will now write Mr. Taggart that you are delayed and expected in a few days.

Mr. Cox writes that on 18<sup>th</sup> it rained  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch at Los Olivos.

With best wishes I am

Yours Sincerely,

J.V. Vickers

## Sheet 135

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, Esq., SB, January 21, 1902.

Topics: 1/48 interest in SRI, WLV travel. End of the preceding letter refers to this one.

## Sheet 136

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, [SF], January 21, 1902.

Topics: Abstract of title, acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

"We are ready to pay the moment he [attorney Benjamin Goodrich] gives the word that the title & papers are O.K. & unencumbered other than as to the 15,000."

Sheets 137-138

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, Esq., SB, January 24, 1902.

Topics: 1/48 interest in SRI, Mr. De la Questa, abstract of title.

JVV and WLV agreed to buy the 1/48 interest for \$5250.00, contingent on clear title.

Sheet 139

From JVV, LA to Julius Dent (no place given), January 24, 1902.

Topic: Transportation of personnel to SRI, vessel "Peerless."

The "Peerless" was most likely a schooner based in SF (MVUS 1901, page 153). "Enc. I send \$30 for you to hand the Captain of the Peerless on return from landing the fence builders & cook at the Island."

Sheets 140-141

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, SF, January 24, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], title opinion of Benjamin Goodrich, unpaid property taxes of \$328.44.

Sheet 142

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, Los Olivos, CA, January 25, 1902.

Topics: Cover note for check, weather, pasture.

"We are very glad indeed that rain has come at last and hope it will come plenty. How many more cattle is that pasture good for – cattle to get fat."

Sheet 143

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], January 25, 1902.

Topic: Sale of wool.

Sheet 144

From JVV, LA to Mrs. J. Ruiz, (no place given), February 1, 1902.

Topic: Cover note for \$10.00 on the account of her husband's pay.

Sheet 145

From WLV, LA to James G. Prescott, San Pedro, February 3, 1902.

Topic: Cover note for check.

Sheet 146

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, [SB], February 28, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of 1/48 interest in SRI, acknowledgment of receipt of abstract of title, forwarding same to Benjamin Goodrich for examination.

JVV had been traveling, hence only three February letters. "I arrived from Arizona & Mexico this last eve."

Sheets 147-148

From JVV, LA to Alex. D. Keyes, Esq., SF, March 4, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, mortgage on the interest. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 3/4

Alex. D. Keyes Esq.  
Mills Bldg., S.F.

Dear Sir—Yours of Mar. 3d at hand and noted, it is a surprise to us as we bot. the 1/12 interest paid as to your mtge., and have letter of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> from Mess. Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett that their parties, the sellers (J.C. & A.W. Moore [sic]) would pay you the int. to Feby. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I shall now write and remind them to do it; I presume they have overlooked it. What is your pleasure or will regarding continuing loan on said interest to us and what rate of interest would be satisfactory to you?

Yours truly,  
J.V. Vickers of  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 149

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, [SF], March 4, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], Alex. D. Keyes, mortgage on the interest.

For the first time we learn that the interest represented by Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett was that held by Albert W. and John C. More. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 3/4

Messrs. Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett

Gentlemen:

We have just received letter from Alex. D. Keyes, Esq. saying: "The interest on the mortgage has not been paid for a long time, and unless it is paid promptly an action to foreclose will be commenced." Under date of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> you wrote us your parties (J.C. & A.W. More) would pay the said interest to Feby. 23d. I hope you will have it done at once so Mr. Keyes will not cause expenses. How about it?

Very truly yours,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheet 150

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], March 6, 1902.  
Topic: Cover note for check.

Sheet 151

From JVV, LA to Commercial Bank, SB, March 8, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

"Enc. please find deed from Albert W. More and Delia T. More and John C. More and Marie More to Walter L. Vail and me. Please have same recorded and returned to us and let us know am't of fee and your charge & oblige."

Sheet 152

From JVV, LA to [recipient unknown, limited legibility], March 8, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interests in SRI.

"Yes we have purchased most of the interests." May be text for a telegram.

From JVV, LA to J. Gates, Mesa, Arizona, March 12, 1902.  
Topic: Land purchase. May be text for a telegram. JVV signed on behalf of Vail & Gates. Limited legibility.

Sheet 153

From JVV, LA to Alex D. Keyes, Esq., [SF], March 12, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

Sheet 154

From JVV, LA to Alex D. Keyes, Esq., [SF], March 17, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

Sheet 155

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], March 18, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [Hamersley].

"Some one has sent us 'Notice of Commissioner's Sale' clipped from S.B. paper. Edward G. Hamersley Ptf. vs Thos. R. More et al. Sale under foreclosure 1/24 int in Santa Rosa Island. Sale to occur Mar. 22d. What interest is it?"

Sheet 156

From JVV, LA to Thos. R. More, [SB], March 21, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [Hamersley].

"I don't like the price – nor Sheriff Sale purchases."

Sheets 157-159

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), March 21, 1902.  
Topics: "Mildred E.", Captain James Prescott, William Muller (shipwright), acquisition of interests in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More, Hamersley], Thomas R. More, Edward G. Hamersley.  
Transcribed in full.

L.A. 3/21

Dear Mr. Vail

I found the Mildred E. near Banning's yard – Capt. Prescott and one man on deck and a man in boat alongside, she looks well painted and better. Mr. Muller had been aboard and examined her and bored holes. I went and saw Mr. Muller and he told me:

"Her frame is rotten."

"Her original deck beams which are spliced are rotten."

"Four Stanchions not good, very soft."

"The principal deck beams are original and bad."



"She is not built of larch."

"She has some larch in her, some pine and I think some chestnut."

"Don't think she is worth repairing. To repair her would be to rebuild her and cost more than building a new one."

"Don't think she would stand an engine. Would not try to put one in her."

"She would probably do your work for years as she is."

I told Cap't P[rescott] to do no talking about the boat or Mr. Muller's idea. I told him to get her ready and man her and sail her to Santa Barbara then telephone us – he said he would and would sail in a few days. I told him to blow out by moonlight with \$1 a day men if practicable & safe[?] if he had to take union men to anchor on arrival at S.B. and discharge and pay them.

Thos. R. More of S.B. wired this a.m. "Island interest can be bought sheriff's sale thirteen thousand one hundred seventy tomorrow noon. Hamersley raises price immediately on purchasing fifteen thousand." I wrote him that you are absent from the city. I think price high and don't like to buy at sheriff's. No telegram from Mr. Gates to us.

Very truly yours,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheet 160

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.C. Prescott, [San Pedro], March 21, 1902.  
Topics: Salary, advances to crew, flags.

Sheet 161

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], March 21, 1902.  
Topic: Shearers to go over to SRI. Limited legibility.

"Dear Cal, Will you please have Anastacio Cervelo call and let you know when he can be ready with the shearers to go over to the Island. I think we will want them about April 1<sup>st</sup>, may be able to take them over a little before if necessary [legibility fades].

Sheet 162

From JVV, LA to George S. Edwards, [SB], March 24, 1902.  
Illegible after first sentence.

Sheet 163

From JVV, LA to James Lowe, (no place given), March 25, 1902.  
Topic: Receipt for \$5.00 paid by Lowe for grazing privilege for March and April 1902.

Sheet 164

From JVV, LA to Capt. James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], March 25, 1902.

Topics: Follow-up on check sent with note at Sheet 160, crew for "Mildred E," sailing to SB.

Sheet 165

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), March 25, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, Captain James G. Prescott, crew for "Mildred E."

Sheet 166

From JVV, LA to Sherman & Ealand, [SB], March 26, 1902.

Topics: "Mildred E.", shearing, visit to SRI. Transcribed in full.

Byrne Bldg.

L.A. 3/26

Messrs. Sherman & Ealand

Gentlemen:

Yours 25<sup>th</sup> received & noted. We have no engine in our schooner so I doubt if she would be sure to make time to suit your wishes. I think likely I shall be in your city next week as we think of taking over some shearers soon and of seeing how things are doing on the S.R. I will call in and see you when I get there.

Very truly,

J.V. Vickers

Mr. Vail is North, San Jose or S.F. or Sac.

Sheet 167

From JVV, LA to J.E. Dunn, Hanford, CA, March 27, 1902.

Topic: Unknown.

"Probably some day next week when day fixed notify you." Text for a telegram.

Sheets 168-169

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, [SB], March 27, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of 1/48 interest in SRI, Goodrich & McCutchen, abstract of title.

Sheet 170

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], March 29, 1902.

Topics: Grazing, fence repair, J.R. Fithian. Limited legibility.

Sheet 171

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], March 31, 1902.

Topics: Shearing, "Mildred E.", Captain James G. Prescott.

Sheets 172-175

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), April 1, 1902.

Topics: "Mildred E.", steamer "Melville Dollar", crew for "Mildred E.", Frank Pepper, Rosaline Vasquez, supplies, mutton and lamb, shearing, SRI wharf. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 4/1

Dear Vail,

Your valued favor 21<sup>st</sup> received this morning.

I expect the Mildred E to sail for Santa Barbara this eve. The Melville Dollar Capt. wanted \$100 to tow her. I went down yesterday and saw the union mgr. and he furnished a crew today – it seems better to pay \$100 for 4 men for a month to run the boat than \$100 to tow her to S.B. and then to pay 4 men \$120 to run her. The union mgr. agreed to furnish a crew today or to let her go with a "scab crew." Frank sent a letter by Vasquez and a sick man, he was out of flour and asked Vasquez to return at once with a bill of grub, so I told Vasquez to do so and to tell Mr. Pepper to write us what amt. of mutton and lambs he has and what the condition of the grass as to [indistinct word] is, and I tell him [sic] we expect to be there in a few days with mutton buyer, and to shear soon.

Frank's letter says feed is good and everything looks well that sheep still lambing and he thinks May 10<sup>th</sup> soon enough to shear. I told Mr. Patterson what he wrote and Mr. Patterson thinks that too late that the wool would get burrs & seeds and we lose more so it than on lambs if we gather & shear now and he thinks the ewes with young lambs can be [indistinct word] and in gathering. So I have ordered wool bags & sulphur and grub and expect to take same and shearers along over. As Mr. Storke says 15 shearers are now available. Mr. Patterson went to Arizona today at 2 PM expressed regrets at not being able to go to the Island but said he must go to Arizona. Mr. Dunn said he [sic] ready to go on a day's notice. Capt. Prescott is to 'phone on arrival at S.B. I will inform you as to when we expect to leave there so that if suited you can join us. Frank writes the wharf is in bad shape and not fit to use, lots of the timbers are gone. So if you can go along over as Mr. Patterson can't and wharf to be rebuilt. I wish you would.

Very truly yours,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheets 176-177

From JVV, LA to William Griffith, (no place given), April 2, 1902.  
Topic: Accounting.

Sheet 178

From JVV, LA to Fred Darling, (no place given), April 2, 1902.  
Topic: Accounting.

Sheet 179

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, Esq., [SB], April 2, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of 1/48 interest in SRI. Cover note for copy of letter from Benjamin Goodrich.  
Limited legibility.

Sheets 180-181

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], April 2, 1902.  
Topics: "Mildred E.", mutton, visit to SRI, shearing, repair of wharf at SRI.

Sheet 182

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], April 4, 1902.  
Topics: Purchase of bulls, cattle raising.

"If the 3 or 4 Burns bulls are not over 5 years old – or 6, and are in good condition and active and vigorous buy them and turn them in with our cows and ask Mr. Burns to send us his bill."

Sheet 183

From JVV, LA to WLV, Palace Hotel, SF, April 4, 1902.  
Topics: J.E. Dunn, schooner, visit to SRI, weather. Text for a telegram.

"Dunn I waiting start when schooner Santa Barbara. Sailed Tuesday morning. Dry Arizona."

Sheets 184-185

From JVV, LA to WLV, [Palace Hotel, SF], April 4, 1902.  
Topics: J.E. Dunn, schooner, visit to SRI, weather, cattle raising, repair of wharf at SRI.

"As dry winter has made water scarce and feed not grow much in Arizona I think we better not put in more bulls nor other cattle until fall. I think it first rate to boat the 14 bought bulls to the Island direct of any show [indistinct word]. I wrote Mr. Storke asking who we best get to fix wharf. I may be able to take someone along over to see its condition who is competent to tell what must, and should, be done to it. I will wire you as soon as I hear the boat is at S.B., hoping you can & will go along over."

#### Sheet 186

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], April 19, 1902.  
Topics: Shearing, lambs, "Mildred E", visit to SRI.

#### Sheet 187

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], April 19, 1902.  
Topic: Sheep. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 188

From JVV, LA to J. Burns, "Ship Smith", SF, April 21, 1902.  
Topic: Inquiry as to availability of a component for "Mildred E."

#### Sheet 189

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], April 21, 1902.  
Topics: J.E. Dunn, "Mildred E", visit to SRI, lambs.

#### Sheet 190

From JVV, LA to Commercial Bank, SB, April 25, 1902.  
Topic: Property taxes on SRI.

#### Sheet 191

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], April 24, 1902.  
Topics: Shearing, sheep sales.

#### Sheet 192

Continuation of letter at Sheet 194.

#### Sheet 193

From JVV, LA to J. Cox & Co., [Los Olivos, CA], April 24, 1902.

Topic: Inquiry about cattle for potential purchase.

Sheet 194

From JVV, LA to L. Foard, SF, April 24, 1902.

Topic: Inquiry as to availability of a component for "Mildred E."

Sheet 195

From JVV, LA to Joe M. Black, Stockton, CA, April 24, 1902.

Topic: Prospective purchase of jacks [mules].

Sheets 196-197

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], April 25, 1902.

Topics: J.E. Dunn, sheep sales, Cudahy Packing Company, Sherman & Ealand, Hauser Packing Company, hardware. Transcribed in full.

L.A. 4/25

Dear Frank

Yours received.

Mr. Dunn was to be at Santa Barbara last eve. to ship the sheep down if not loaded and gone before he arrived. When the captain got in and phoned I phoned him to take them off and get smart, take them to S.P. pens and load them and ship them to Cudahy Pkg. Co. also phoned Sherman of Sherman and Ealand to attend to moving & shipping them. He said he would also [2 illegible lines].

So if the Captain got them off of the schooner onto the wharf, I think they are waiting on the cars, and Mr. Roberts is ready for them and Mr. Dunn to go over for more. Mr. Hauser is also wanting some. I think if we can deliver them in good shape and can sell all of them including fat stags & old ewes and the September ewe lambs and the spring lambs as big enough.

The horn saw is on the bill and A. Hdwe. & Mat. Co. says they put it in the box, was the box in good order when you got it? What "things for the stove" do you want?

Very truly yours,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheet 198

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [San Pedro], April 28, 1902.

Topic: Component for "Mildred E." ("main boom sea traveller"). Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 199

From JVV, LA to J. Cox & Co., [Los Olivos, CA], May 1, 1902.

Topic: Inquiry about cattle for potential purchase.

#### Sheet 200

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), May 23, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of 1/24 interest in SRI. Fully transcribed.

Of note is that this letter refers to the interest as being 1/24. The letters at Sheets 133, 135 and 137 specifically refer to it as being 1/48.

L.A. 5/23

Dear Vail,

I arrived this P.M. I find a letter from J.W. Taggart saying that he et al. (de la Questa & Finger) can deliver the 1/24 within 30 days if we will pay \$11,500 and wants reply at once by wire.

I expect we better stand the raise and tell them to get their papers ready, but shall await hearing from or seeing you.

Very truly,  
J.V. Vickers

#### Sheet 201

From JVV, LA to H.H. Patten (no place given), May 26, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

#### Sheet 202

From JVV, LA to J.W. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], May 26, 1902.

Topics: Sale of cow, cover note for check.

#### Sheet 203

From JVV, LA to W.E.G. & P. Co., SB, May 27, 1902.

Topic: Cover note for payment for 3656 pounds of coal shipped to SRI.

#### Sheet 204

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, Esq., [SB], May 27, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI. References the letter from Taggart referred to at Sheet 200.

#### Sheets 205-206

From JVV, LA to J.N. Porter, (no place given), May 28, 1902.

Topic: Prospective purchase of cattle (yearling steers).

#### Sheet 207

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, Esq., [SB], May 28, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI.

Acceptance of Mr. Taggart's proposition (referenced in the letter at Sheet 200), subject to clean and unencumbered title.

#### Sheet 208

From JVV, LA to Capt. James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], May 28, 1902.

Topic: Answering concern that Prescott's job had been offered to someone else. (It was not.)

#### Sheet 209

From JVV, LA to Gunnison, Booth & Bartnett, [SF], May 31, 1902.

Topics: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More], Alex. Keyes, interest on mortgage.

#### Sheet 210

From JVV, LA to William Harvey, Carpinteria, May 31, 1902.

Topic: Pilings [for SRI wharf].

#### Sheet 211

From JVV, LA to Miller & Lux, [SF], June 3, 1902.

Topic: Prospective sale of calves and cows. Transcribed in full.

LA 6/3

Messrs. Miller & Lux

Gentlemen:



We have a car or more of veal and 3 or 4 cars fat cows in the Bell field near Los Olivos. Will you have any buyer there soon who can look at and let us know what you will give us for them? We have other cows & steers there that will be fat before long also, but we would like to sell one car veal and 3 of fat cows soon.

Very truly yours,  
Vail & Vickers

#### Sheet 212

From JVV, LA to C.P. Bailey & Sons, San Jose, CA, June 5, 1902.

Topic: Prospective purchase of two bucks; includes inquiry as to whether they are thoroughbreds. Although the term "buck" can refer to a male of one of several species, we learn at Sheet 233 that the reference is to goats.

#### Sheet 213

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, June 5, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

#### Sheet 214

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, SF, June 5, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

#### Sheet 215

From JVV, LA to Jacob Rosenberg's Sons, SF, June 5, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

#### Sheet 216

From JVV, LA to Sherman & Ealand, [SB], June 5, 1902.

Topic: Cattle sales.

#### Sheets 217-218

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [San Pedro], June 6, 1902.

Topics: Repairs to "Mildred E.", desire to sell and to build new ship. Transcribed in full.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Captain J.G. Prescott

Dear Sir:

Yours 5<sup>th</sup> read. I expect you will lay there for a week or so, get your sails and mast in proper shape. Show the manager of that mining company the Mildred E. and if he wants to buy her we want to meet him there or here. As we wish to build one to suit our needs and can spare her now that our spring work is done, we would let her go now at \$2500 if Mr. Vail agreeable. The Mildred has a fine hold and is a good carrier, but we need something to carry more cattle [underlining in original].

Yours truly,  
J.V. Vickers

We paid \$2500 for her a few months ago – thought her cheap – and she is better now than then.

Sheet 219

From JVV, LA to County Tax Collector, SB, June 7, 1902.  
Topic: Property taxes on SRI.

Sheet 220

From JVV, LA to Charles W. Slack, SF, June 7, 1902.  
Topic: Property taxes on SRI.

Sheet 221

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], June 9, 1902.  
Topic: Prospective sale of cattle to Miller & Lux.

Sheet 222

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], June 9, 1902.  
Topics: Prospective sale of cattle to Miller & Lux, prospective purchase of bulls from them.

Sheet 223

From JVV, LA to Edward M. Burke, Tax Collector, [SB], June 11, 1902.  
Topic: Property taxes on SRI.

Sheet 224

From JVV, LA to C.P. Bailey & Sons Co., [San Jose, CA], June 11, 1902.

Topic: Purchase of bucks (goats).

Sheets 225-229

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], June 13, 1902.

Topics: Wool sales, "Mildred E.", cattle, donkey and sheep raising, shearing, personnel, pilings for wharf, grasshoppers, weather. Limited legibility; transcribed to the extent possible.

6/13

Mr. Frank Pepper

Dear Frank

We have not yet sold the wool, and the Mildred E is at Santa Barbara with it on board so we [2 indistinct words] 14 bulls 2 jacks [2 indistinct words] 600 lbs [3 indistinct words] Santa Cruz Steamer.

We would like the bulls put [indistinct word] in a place with the cows, and the jacks with the mares if mares not all in one bunch the jacks with separate bunches. The [indistinct word] jack is [indistinct word] a year old the [indistinct word] she a 2 year old.

If there is a jenny on the Island keep them from her. I think you better cut the old stud horse and [indistinct line]. We will send you 2 angora bucks next chance. I think Mr. Roberts will take the sheep stags but you better shear them because we don't know when he will take them. I think everything else is sheared except the spring bucks, if not they should be. We think the lambs should be sheared except if be some quite young ones that don't have wool enough as to pay for the shearing as to make foxtail [2 indistinct words] if foxtail gets in – and it will if they are not sheared they will get [2 indistinct words] not as for fall sale nor as so well [1 or 2 indistinct words] want you to put the bucks with the ewes about last of the month and keep them with them for about 30 days. When the sheep are back, I think you can cut all others.

Mrs. Ruiz wrote her sister was sick and she needed some money and asked for \$25. We sent it and I enclose her receipt so you can charge it to her husband [indistinct initial] Ruiz. We have ordered 45 piles cut and they will probably lay until about July first to set the bark and then be sent [indistinct word]. We had Mr. Harvey select them. Mr. Vail on hearing this suggests that if the sheep are on the range you better keep the lambs with them 5 or 6 months and when you put them in try and scatter them well. [2 indistinct lines] it is by the Mildred E. [2 indistinct words] on sale in San Pedro they say so I may not get them off this trip.

How are you getting along? What fat cattle have you? Are grasshoppers bad there? They are bad about Stockton and San Jose. Awful dry in Arizona may rain soon. All well. Very truly, J.V. Vickers

#### Sheets 230-231

From JVV, LA to Captain, Steamer Santa Cruz, [SF], June 13, 1902.

Topics: Frank Pepper, delivery of bulls, jacks and horses to SRI. Limited legibility.

#### Sheets 232-233

From JVV, LA to C.P. Bailey & Sons Co., [San Jose, CA], June 14, 1902.

Topic: Purchase and shipping of bucks (goats).

"Enc. I hand \$50 for two very good thoroughbred angora bucks . . ."

"I think there will be another boat on which we can send them to Santa Rosa Island where we have a bunch of fine goats which need new and good blood."

#### Sheet 234

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], June 17, 1902.

Topic: Prospective cattle sale to Miller & Lux.

#### Sheet 235

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, [SF], June 17, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

#### Sheet 236

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, [SB], June 18, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI. Limited legibility.

#### Sheets 237-238

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], June 19, 1902.

Topics: Wool sales, Catalina Island wool. Transcribed in full.

6/19

P.W. Watson, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Have you succeeded in getting any good offers for the wool? Please report soon, as we wish to close it out soon, we do not wish to consign the wool, it is but a small lot and the experience of our Mr. Vail in handling wool from Catalina Island caused him to think best to sell promptly

rather than to consign or hold. Several parties have solicited consignment but we have refused to consign.

Yours very truly,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 239

From JVV, LA, to E.H. Tryon, [SF], June 20, 1902.  
Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 240

From JVV, LA to Captain James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], June 20, 1902.  
Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 241

From JVV, LA to Captain James G. Prescott, [San Pedro], June 20, 1902.  
Topics: Wool sales, shipment.

Sheet 242

From JVV, LA to Alexander D. Keyes, Esq., SF, June 21, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More]. Transcribed in full.

6/21

Alexander D. Keyes, Esq.  
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

Enc. please find our #139 to order W.S. Keyes for \$15,025 to cover balance interest that Mr. Barnett atty. for the Moores [sic] did not pay – and the note of John C. More secured by interest in Santa Rosa Island now ours. Please ack. and release of record promptly, and oblige.

Yours very truly,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 243

From JVV, LA to Miller & Lux, [SF], June 23, 1902.  
Topic: Prospective sale of cattle.

Sheet 244

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], June 23, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 245

From JVV, LA to J.W. Vosis[?], (no place given), June 25, 1902.

Topic: Prospective purchase of cattle (yearling steers).

Sheet 246

From JVV, LA to J.W. Taggart, [SB], June 25, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI.

Sheet 247

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], June 26, 1902.

Topic: Prospective sale of cattle in Los Olivos area, and pasture lease.

Sheet 248

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [San Pedro], June 26, 1902.

Topic: Shipment of wool.

Sheet 249

From JVV, LA to Alexander D. Keyes, Esq., [SF], June 30, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

Sheets 250-251

From JVV, LA to Whitman, Farnsworth & Thayer, Boston, June 30, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 252

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos], June 30, 1902.

Topics: Miller & Lux, Hauser Packing Company, Cudahy Packing Company, prospective sale of cattle in Los Olivos area, rustling.

“Mr. Miller made very low offers. No business done. We have asked Mr. Hauser and Cudahy Packing Co. to have their buyers see them. Keep close look out that calves not stolen; mark larger ones if necessary.”

Sheet 253

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], June 30, 1902.  
Topic: Cover note for checks to Francisco Ruiz and Juan Arellanes.

Sheet 254

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, [SF], June 30, 1902.  
Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 255

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], July 1, 1902.  
Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 256

From JVV, LA to John Ingram, [San Luis Obispo, CA], July 2, 1902.  
Topic: Prospective sale of cattle in Los Olivos area.

Sheet 257

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos], July 2, 1902.  
Topics: Miller & Lux, prospective sale of cattle in Los Olivos area.

Sheet 258

From JVV, LA to County Recorder, SB, July 3, 1902.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI [A.W. and J.C. More].

Cover letter for Release of Mortgage to be recorded.

Sheet 259

From JVV, LA to John P. Lawton, SB, July 7, 1902.  
Topic: Declines Lawton's request to purchase something (unknown) from Vail & Vickers.

Sheet 260

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], July 7, 1902.

Topic: Price quotation for cattle for sale, in Los Olivos area.

Sheets 261-262

From JVV, LA to Commercial Bank, SB, July 7, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI.

Sheet 263

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, July 14, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 264

From WLV, LA to William Harvey, Carpinteria, July 15, 1902.

Topic: Pilings for SRI wharf.

Sheet 265

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, July 16, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheet 266

From JVV, LA to Will Wooster, Holbrook, Arizona, July 16, 1902.

Topic: Hauling of barbed wire.

Sheet 267

From JVV, LA to Eduardo de la Cuesta, (no place given), July 16, 1902.

Topic: Cattle sales.

Sheets 268-269

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], July 18, 1902.

Topics: Cattle sales, Miller & Lux, Eduardo de la Cuesta.

Sheet 270

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, SF, July 19, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales

Sheets 271-273

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], July 19, 1902.



Topics: Miller & Lux, cattle sales, pricing. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 274

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [San Pedro, CA], July 21, 1902.

Topics: Unloading of wool, transport of pilings to SRI.

#### Sheet 275

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], July 22, 1902.

Topic: Not certain; may pertain to acquisition of interest in SRI.

#### Sheet 276

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, care Miller & Lux, SF, July 22, 1902.

Topic: Cattle sales. Text for a telegram.

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, July 22, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales. Text for a telegram.

#### Sheet 277

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], July 23, 1902.

Topic: Cattle sales.

#### Sheets 278-279

From JVV, LA to Eduardo de la Cuesta, (no place given), July 23, 1902.

Topic: Cattle sales.

#### Sheet 280

From JVV, LA to William Harvey, [Carpinteria], July 24, 1902.

Topic: Pilings for SRI wharf.

#### Sheet 281

From JVV, LA to E.S. Stickney, LA, July 24, 1902.

Topics: Pilings for SRI wharf, employment.

"I expect to send piles over next week and I think likely the builder will be ready to go along over. Will it suit you to go about next Wednesday if it does him? Pay \$50 per mo. & board."

#### Sheets 282-286

From JVV, LA to James G. Prescott, [San Pedro, CA], July 24, 1902.

Topics: Sheep pelts and skins, H. Newmark & Co., saddles and harness, "Mildred E," steam schooner "Ruth", sulfur, wool and weighing of same, pilings for SRI wharf, William Harvey. Transcribed in full.

7/24

Capt. Jas. G. Prescott

Dear Sir:

You will please ship all the sheep pelts and skins to H. Newmark & Co., Los Angeles, Cal., S.P.R.R. tomorrow and send me the R.R. Co. receipt. Enclosed I hand R.R. receipt for 1 case saddles, 2 sacks harness, freight prepaid. You will take same aboard the Mildred E. tomorrow.

The steam schooner Ruth is due there on Monday next or Tuesday. I think she will have 6 (six) sacks sulphur for you to take on. She is to anchor beside you and you will deliver all the wool you have on board to her captain and help him swing it from your deck to his and take his receipt for it. Borrow a good platform scale and you and the Ruth captain or mate weigh this wool carefully and take down the weights in your books and see as you do it that both are right and alike and that your footings then agree and send me a copy thereof. I think Shaw and Hunt will oblige us with good, accurate, suitable scales.

When this done you will sail to Goleta wharf and take on carefully a load of our piles. I expect for safety it may be best to make two loads of the piles. When you reach Goleta wire us when you will be ready to sale from there and await our reply. Also when ready to leave Santa Barbara, or when you know you will be ready rather, telephone us as we may want to then let Mr. Harvey and an engineer know, or arrange ourselves to go over with you from Goleta.

Yours truly,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 286 (verso)

From JVV, LA to WLV, care Harvey House, Deming, New Mexico, July 24, 1902.  
Topics: Miller & Lux, cattle sales. Text for a telegram.

Sheets 287-288

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], July 24, 1902.  
Topic: Wool sales. The wool discussed in the above letter was destined for Watson.

Sheet 289

From JVV, LA to C.P. Bailey & Sons, [San Jose, CA], July 24, 1902.  
Topic: Instructions for shipping two goats purchased by Vail & Vickers.

Sheet 290

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, Los Olivos, CA, July 24, 1902.  
Topic: Cattle sales.

Sheets 291-292

From JVV, LA to Shaw & Hunt, (no place given), July 24, 1902.  
Topics: Order of provisions (sugar and salt), request to use scales to weigh wool [for P.W. Watson].

Sheets 293-294

From JVV, LA to Capt. Jas. G. Prescott, [San Pedro, CA], July 24, 1902.  
Topics: Transport of angora goats from Bailey & Sons, and bulk provisions (dried apricots, sugar and salt) to SRI, request to Shaw and Hunt for loan of platform scales and man to operate them [to weigh wool for P.W. Watson].

Sheets 295-296

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], July 25, 1902.  
Topic: Cattle sales.

Sheets 297-298

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, Los Olivos, CA, July 27, 1902.  
Topic: Cattle sales.  
Sheet 299

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [San Pedro, CA], July 28, 1902.  
Topics: Steamer "Ruth," salt for SRI, transfer of wool from "Mildred E" to "Ruth," transport of wharf pilings to SRI, along with engineer Mr. Stickney and William Harvey.

Sheet 300

From JVV, LA to William Harvey, [Carpinteria], July 28, 1902.  
Topic: Transport of wharf pilings and engineer Mr. Stickney to SRI; request to Harvey that he accompany.

Sheets 301-302

From JVV, LA to Jarrett T. Richards, Esq., SB, August 1, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of 1/24 interest in SRI [probably that of Hamersley & Richards]. Limited legibility.

Sheets 303-304

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], August 2, 1902.

Topics: Cattle sales, earthquake, possibility of renting further pastureland, drought in Arizona.

“Did the earthquake hurt anything?”

“If it doesn’t rain in Arizona very soon we will want pasture for several thousand.”

Sheet 305

From JVV, LA to Commercial Bank, SB, August 2, 1902.

Topics: Check, Joel R. Fithian.

Sheet 306

From JVV, LA to Jarrett T. Richards, Esq., SB, August 2, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of 1/24 interest in SRI [probably that of Hamersley & Richards].

Sheet 307

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, August 4, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales. Limited legibility.

Sheets 308-309

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [Goleta, CA], August 4, 1902.

Topics: Payment of wages, request to be informed when “Mildred E.” loaded [with pilings] and ready to cross from Goleta to SRI. Limited legibility.

Sheet 310

From JVV, LA to John F. Ingram, San Luis Obispo, CA, August 4, 1902.

Topic: Bad check from Ingram, tendered as payment for cattle. See also sheet 256.

Sheets 311-312

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, Goleta, CA, August 5, 1902.

Topics: Invoices, pilings for SRI wharf. Limited legibility.

Sheet 313

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, SF, August 6, 1902.

Topics: Wool sales, inquiry as to cash discount and freight on wool sacks and twine.

Sheet 314

From JVV, LA to First National Bank, SB, August 6, 1902.

Topic: Pasture rental.

Sheet 315

From JVV, LA to Ed [Eduardo de la Cuesta?], (no place given), August 7, 1902.

Topics: Rain, cattle sales.

Sheet 316 (detached from volume at early date, pinned to Sheet 315)

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], August 8, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of 1/8 interest in SRI. Limited legibility.

Sheet 317

From JVV, LA to West Coast Fishing Co., SF, August 8, 1902.

Topics: Camping, fishing, abalone. Transcribed to extent possible.

8/8

West Coast Fishing Co.

505 [indistinct name] Bldg.

S.F.

Gentlemen:

Your Mr. Frazier called last week and made us an offer for the privilege of camping and fishing on Santa Rosa Island. We find that we have an arrangement with abalone fishers at present and they are at work. We think best not to enter into any [indistinct word] arrangement at present.

Very truly yours,

Vail & Vickers

Sheet 318

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, SF, August 9, 1902.

Topic: Order for wool sacks and twine. Text for a telegram.

Sheets 319-320 (320 torn and mostly detached)

From JVV, LA to E.H. Tryon, SF, August 9, 1902.

Topics: "Mildred E," pilings for SRI wharf, confirming order in above telegram.

Sheet 321

From JVV, LA to Stearns Wharf Co., [SB], August 11, 1902.

Topic: Disputing a charge.

Sheets 322-323

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], August 11, 1902.

Topics: Abalone fishing, goats. Limited legibility.

Sheets 324-325

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, [Goleta, CA], August 11, 1902.

Topics: Wool sacks and twine to be shipped to SRI, abalone fishing. Transcribed in full.

8/11

Capt. J.G. Prescott

Dear Sir:

I have Mr. Pepper's letter so I think you are back. I ordered 300 wool sacks and 200 lbs fleece twine to be shipped from San Francisco Sat. or today. Freight (RR) to Goleta freight prepaid. If it arrives in time get it and take it along to the Island.

Mr. Pepper informs us the abalone fishermen wish to come away Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. You may bring them and their catch over to Santa Barbara about then or before. Call us up when loaded so we can talk with you.

Yours truly,

Vail & Vickers

Sheet 326

From JVV, LA to Charles W. Slack, SF, August 14, 1902.

Topic: Inquiry as to whether Slack would be available for a visit when Vickers comes to SF.

Sheets 327-328

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], August 15, 1902.

Topics: Mules, pipeline, growing grain and hay on SRI. Limited legibility.

"Is there any pressure on the pipe in the pipeline? If not (and I think there is not), I think we can use cement pipe [indistinct word] in joints then laid & cement at the joints. They ask 8 per foot for [indistinct word] laid."

Sheets 329-330

From JVV, LA to R.T. Buell, Ballard, CA, August 18, 1902.

Topic: Potential bulk sale of cows and calves pastured near Los Olivos.

Sheet 331

From JVV, LA to Martin & Ormond, (no place given), August 22, 1902.

Topic: Request for quotation on pipe.

"It is a gravity line but with some ups and downs. We don't know yet what greatest pressure will be."

Sheets 332-333

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], August 23, 1902.

Topics: Marking of cattle, cattle sales, WLV travel, potential renewal of pasture lease, R.T. Buell.

"Mr. Buell of Ballard wrote the Oxnard beet pulp folks might be a buyer for our cattle. Do you know about them?" A decade after this was written, Vail & Vickers hauled many loads of beet pulp, among other commodities, on the "Santa Rosa Island" and "Vaquero." The pulp was loaded at Port Hueneme and hauled to San Pedro.

Sheet 334

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], August 25, 1902.

Topic: Request that Storke collect royalties and boat fare from abalone fishermen transported from SRI to SB.

Sheet 335

From WLV, LA to J.W. Cox, Los Olivos, CA, August 30, 1902.

Topics: Cattle sales, Miller & Lux.

"All the cows and calves are sold to Miller & Lux (the price is \$27 which you will please regard as confidential) to be taken away within a month. Any time Mr. Miller sends for them deliver them and take receipt."

Sheets 336-337

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], September 5, 1902.

Topics: Ordering hardware and sulfur, vaqueros, meeting between Pepper and WLV.

Sheet 338

Accounting. In JVV hand. Limited legibility.

Sheet 339

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], September 6, 1902.

Topics: Joel Fithian, pasture lease, sale of cattle to Miller & Lux. Transcribed in full.

9/6

Mr. J.M. Cox

Dear Sir:

You may inform Mr. Fithian if he is still there that we will renew our lease on his pasture for another year. Mr. Miller is to receive the cows & calves at our Bell Field Corral and receipt for them there. If he is shorthanded to drive them to the RR you may go along and help his men to drive and load them. When you send us the receipt let us know what you have left & oblige.

Yours truly,  
Vail & Vickers

\$50 enc.  
Sheet 340

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, [Carpinteria], September 6, 1902.

Topic: Renewal of pasture lease.

Sheets 341-342

From JVV, LA to James G. Prescott, (no place given), September 6, 1902.

Topics: Shipment of rope, door screening and sulfur, purchase of coal. Sheet 342 faint and largely illegible.

Sheet 343

From JVV, LA to Santa Barbara County National Bank, [SB], September 6, 1902.



Topic: Acquisition of interests in SRI (loan payments). Transcribed in full.

9/6

Santa Barbara Co. Nat. Bank

Gentlemen:

Enc. Pls. find 812.50 for int. 3 mos. to Sep. 7 '02 on our note to Mrs. Miller of 40,000 @ 5% per ann. \$500 same date Mrs. Baldwin 25,000 note 312.50 | \$812.50 which pls. ack. & oblige.

Yours truly,  
Vail & Vickers

[There are no letters in the book dating between September 7 and October 31, 1902, although the sheet numbering is continuous.]

Sheets 344-345

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, SB, November 1, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interests in SRI (notes and mortgages). Transcribed to extent possible.

11/1

C.A. Storke, Esq.  
Santa Barbara

Dear Cal,

I am back again after several weeks' absence in Arizona, Colorado &c. And now, per yours of July 12<sup>th</sup>, and our previous request, we hand you our notes to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Baldwin for 40 thousand and 25 thousand respectively, with mtge. to match to be put on record simultaneously with their deeds to us which are now in escrow at Santa Barbara Nat. Bank.

Please also give us, or have them give us, the proper showing that provided we pay the taxes on the property, the rate we are to pay is 5% interest.

Thanking you in advance for your careful attention, we remain yours very truly,

Vail & Vickers

[Postscript illegible]

Sheets 346-347

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, November 19, 1902.

Topics: "Mildred E.," wool sales, SRI wharf.

"Our foreman arrived here yesterday from Santa Barbara having brought our boat and wool from Santa Barbara as she in [indistinct word] there broke her anchor chain and we thought it unsafe for her to be there."

"The work done at the island, aside from shearing &c., was the repairing of the wharf."

Sheet 348

From JVV, LA to County Recorder, [SB], November 22, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interests in SRI. Transcribed in full.

11/22

Hon. County Recorder

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find deed from Eliza M. Miller to us and deed from Cornelia A. Baldwin to us. Please record them and let us know your fees and we will remit to cover. Please see that the newspapers don't advertise this transaction, i.e. mention this record, and you will quite oblige.

Yours truly,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 349

From JVV, LA to Edmund M. Burke, Tax Collector, [SB], November 24, 1902.

Topic: Payment of property taxes on SRI. Transcribed in full.

11/24

Edmund M. Burke, Esq.  
Tax Collector

Dear Sir:

Enc. please find checks to cover our 5/6<sup>th</sup> int. in Santa Rosa Island (1<sup>st</sup> Installment) and Santa Rosa Island Co. 1/8<sup>th</sup> int. in same, 1<sup>st</sup> Installment. \$1518.02 and 227.09 respectively. Please mail receipts to us at your convenience & oblige.

Yours truly,

Vail & Vickers

Sheets 350-351

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], November 25, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheets 352-353

From JVV, LA to Jarrett T. Richards, Esq., SB, December 15, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI.

Sheet 354

From JVV, LA to Jarrett T. Richards, Esq., SB, December 15, 1902.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI. Limited legibility.

Sheet 355

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, December 16, 1902.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheets 356-357

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, Gilroy, CA, December 17, 1902.

Topic: Elk. Transcribed to extent possible.

12/17

Henry Miller, Esq.

Gilroy

Dear Mr. Miller:

Our Mr. Frank Pepper writes me that you kindly gave us 9 elk and that you thought they would reach Gilroy this week. If you can feed them hay there at our expense until we can ship them here to go on a boat with cattle from San Pedro, please do so. If not I think we better let them come here and wait in R.R. pens, as it is uncertain when a boat will be going on which we could ship them, and as to keep them here would cause [2 indistinct words] and publicity (we are anxious to avoid), if you could keep them there for us until we have a boat in sight we shall appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

J.V. Vickers

#### Sheets 358-361

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), December 17, 1902.

Topics: Business transaction (nature unknown), Frank Pepper, C.A. Storke, rain in Arizona, William Muller (shipbuilder), P.W. Watson, wool, Eliza M. Miller, Cornelia A. Baldwin. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 362

From JVV, LA to Oscar Ashburn, (no place given), December 18, 1902.

Topic: Offer to purchase cattle.

#### Sheet 363

From JVV, LA to [name indistinct], W.T. Co., (no place given), December 18, 1902.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (request that shipbuilder William Muller be furnished with "anything he may wish").

#### Sheet 364

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to C.W. Gause, Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., SF, December 22, 1902.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (order for hardware).

#### Sheet 365

From JVV, LA to Jarrett T. Richards, Esq., SB, December 24, 1902.

Topic: Note and mortgage for \$8000 "in the matter." (SRI interest?)

#### Sheet 366

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], December 29, 1902.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (lumber delivery).

#### Sheet 367

From JVV, LA to Thomas J. Turner, [Nogales, Arizona], December 2[x], 1902.

Topic: Inquiry about purchasing cattle (yearling steers).

#### Sheets 368-369

From JVV, LA to Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., SF, December 30, 1902.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (order for hardware).

Sheet 370 (recto)

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., SF, January 9, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (order for hardware).

Sheet 370 (verso)

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, Los Alamos, CA, January 2, 1903.  
Topic: Unknown. Text for telegram.

Sheet 371

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to JVV, Tombstone, Arizona, January 9, 1903.  
Topics: P.W. Watson, wool sales. Text for telegram.

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to JVV, Tombstone, Arizona, January 9, 1903.  
Topic: Purchase of hay. Text for telegram.

Sheet 372 (recto)

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to William Muller, care of W.T. Co., San Pedro, CA, January 12, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (shipment of hardware and wood).

Sheet 372 (verso)

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, January 17, 1903.  
Topic: Wool sales. Text for telegram.  
"Your offer of eight cents unsatisfactory and declined with thanks."

Sheet 373

From JVV, LA to William Muller, San Pedro, CA, January 17, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (request that he verify supplier invoices against goods received, inquiry as to his timetable).

Sheets 374-375

From JVV, LA to Joel R. Fithian, [Carpinteria], January 19, 1903.  
Topic: Pasture rental.

Sheet 376

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, January 19, 1903.

Topic: Wool sales. Text for telegram.

"If closed this week will take nine cents San Pedro."

#### Sheet 377

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), January 19, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (945 head), note for same at 6% interest.

#### Sheet 378

From JVV, LA to The State Bank, San Pedro, CA, January 20, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (opening account for William Muller to use in conjunction with building the boat).

#### Sheets 379-380

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), January 20, 1903.

Topics: Construction of schooner "SRI," bank account for Muller.

"Wm. Muller says he will go at the boat and if no hindrances he thinks in 80 or 90 days can have her done." He was correct; "SRI" was launched on or about April 30, 1903.

#### Sheets 381-382

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], January 20, 1903.

Topic: Pasture rental. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 383

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], [date illegible].

Topic: Cattle sales. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 384

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], January 26, 1903.

Topics: Rain, pasture rental, cattle sales.

#### Sheet 385

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, [SF], January 28, 1903.

Topic: Wool sales.

Sheets 386-387

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, (no place given), January 28, 1903.

Topic: Wool sales and shipment.

Sheets 388-389

From JVV, LA to Miller & Lux, [SF], January 29, 1903.

Topics: Vail & Vickers ranch in Sulphur Springs Valley, Arizona; sale of some calves and keeping others. Transcribed to extent possible.

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Messrs. Miller & Lux

Gentlemen:

A neighbor of ours in Sulphur Springs Valley, Arizona told me early in the month that he would like me to buy or sell his 1902 calf crop and the mothers of such of them that are too young to wean when gathered in Feby., March and April to the branding [two or three indistinct words]. We want the steer calves old enough to wean for Santa Rosa Island, if we can place the heifers and the cows with small calves say under five months old. They are good cattle. Would you like the cows with small calves @ 22.50 for cow and calf, and the heifer calves aged about 5 months and older @ \$10 f.o.b. Douglas, Arizona? An early reply would oblige.

Yours very truly,

J.V. Vickers

Sheets 390-391

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], January 30, 1903.

Topics: Breaking of colts, wool, construction of schooner "SRI." Limited legibility.

Sheets 392-393

From JVV, LA to Rosaline Vasquez, [SB], January 30, 1903.

Topics: Boat to SRI, Frank Pepper. Transcribed in full.

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Mr. Colis Vasquez

Dear Sir:

You may go over to Santa Rosa Island and take Mr. Pepper's mail and see what you can do for him. I think he wants to send a man over. Get some late newspapers and 50 cts. worth good oranges and 50 cts. worth good apples and take to him. Drop me a line saying when you can go so I will know when to expect to hear from Mr. Pepper please. Go as soon as you conveniently can.

Yours truly,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheets 394-395

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], February 3, 1903.  
Topics: Joel Fithian, watering places for cattle, cattle sales. Limited legibility.

Sheet 396

From JVV, LA to P.W. Watson, SF, February 4, 1903.  
Topic: Shipment of wool.

Sheets 397-398

From JVV, LA to Mission Warehouse Co., LA, February 6, 1903  
Topic: Shipment of wool.

Sheets 399-400

From JVV, LA to WLV, Chicago, February 6, 1903. Typewritten.  
Topics: Classification and valuation of livestock, Frank Pepper, Rosaline Vasquez, wool sales, construction of schooner "SRI," rain.

"I was at San Pedro shipping [sic] yard yesterday, at Muller's request. He has the boat well started; her backbone in place, and half of the main ribs. About 14 men at work. He finds the lumber very good, and says he is getting along well except when interfered with by rain, which, of course, has held them back some, as it has been coming beautifully this last week much of the time."

Sheet 401

From JVV, LA to L. Foard, SF, February 7, 1903. Typewritten.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (request for quotation on anchor and other components).

Sheet 402

From JVV, LA to Union Gas Co., SF, February 6, 1903. Typewritten.



Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (engine and gas tanks).

Sheets 403-404

From JVV, LA to Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., [SF], February 7, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI." Limited legibility.

Sheet 405

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to O.M. Potts, Los Olivos, CA, February 11, 1903.

Topic: Pasture rental.

Sheet 406

From JVV, LA to Rosaline Vasquez, [SB], February 12, 1903.

Topic: Boat transport. Limited legibility.

Sheet 407-408

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), February 12, 1903.

Topics: Rosaline Vasquez, sale of "Mildred E" Limited legibility.

"[Name indistinct] was in Monday afternoon to say that he had Capt. Waters[?] on the Mildred E yesterday to see her for San Diego parties he thinks he may be able to get \$2500 or \$2750 for her and asked if he could go ahead & do so on [indistinct word] of his talk with you some months ago. As for price, I told him if you willing, I am."

Sheets 409-410

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], February 12, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (Union Gas Engine and fuel tanks). Limited legibility.

Sheets 411-413

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], February 16, 1903.

Topics: Cattle sales (yearling heifers), Eduardo de la Cuesta. Limited legibility.

Sheets 414-415

From JVV, LA to Rosaline Vasquez, [SB], February 18, 1903.

Topics: Boat to SRI, Frank Pepper.

Sheets 416-420

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], February 18, 1903.  
Topics: Rosaline Vasquez, boat to SRI, sheep raising. Limited legibility.

Sheets 421-422

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], February 19, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (loading/unloading gates, chute).

Sheet 423

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, [SF], February 20, 1903.  
Topic: Cattle sales. Limited legibility.

Sheets 424-425

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), February 25, 1903.  
Topic: Sheep shearing. Limited legibility.

Sheet 426

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], February 28, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI." Limited legibility.

Sheet 427

From JVV, LA to B.L. Lindsey, (place illegible), March 2, 1903.  
Topic: Unknown. Limited legibility.

Sheet 428

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], March 3, 1903.  
Topic: Cattle sales. Limited legibility.

Sheet 429

From WLV, LA to San Francisco Savings Union, [SF], March 5, 1903.  
Topic: Acquisition of interests in SRI. Cover note for interest on promissory notes to Eliza M. Miller and Cornelia A. Baldwin.

Sheet 430

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, (no place given), March 5, 1903.  
Topics: Construction of schooner "SRI," "Mildred E."

Sheets 431-433

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], March 7, 1903.

Topics: Sheep, goats, shearing, shipment of livestock, construction of schooner "SRI," Vickers family. Transcribed to extent possible.

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Dear Frank:

Yours 4<sup>th</sup> received and carefully noted and quite satisfactory. As Mr. Vail still away and I in doubt as to what he might think best about matters over there I have asked his friend Mr. Patterson to go over tomorrow and talk things over with you and tell you what to do about the sheep, as he is an old sheep man and I think it will be a satisfaction and benefit to us all for him [4 indistinct words]. I don't have size of [indistinct word] you want please send [indistinct word] so I can have one made to go over next boat. Did you shear the goats in February? If not, when will you shear them? If yes, how much mohair have you? Bailey Sons Co. want to buy it. [With?] the Pacific Coast stock steamer not running, I think we won't be likely to ship any sheep or beef until our new boat here late in April or early in May. I talked with Mr. Roberts today and he thinks the market price will not be bad then. We are all well except Dora who is not first rate has not been eating & sleeping first rate and consequently got nervous but is better and I hope will soon be well.

Yours sincerely,  
Vail & Vickers  
By J.V. Vickers

Sheet 434

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], March 13, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

Sheets 435-438

From JVV, LA to WLV, (no place given), March 18, 1903.

Topics: Livestock sales. Limited legibility.

Sheet 439

From JVV, LA to O.M. Potts, [Los Olivos, CA], March 21, 1903.

Topic: Pasture rental.

"I think we can get along without your pasture."

#### Sheet 440

From JVV, LA to WLV, The Stratford Hotel, Chicago, March 21, 1903.

Topics: Machinist, family. Text for a telegram.

"Yes. When will machinist arrive. Mary telephones they all well."

#### Sheets 441-443

From JVV, LA to Frank Pepper, [SRI], March 21, 1903.

Topics: Frank Pepper visit to SB, shearing, shearing machines, supplies (coal, sulfur, lime), sale of mohair, one of the Larco family, construction of schooner "SRI." Limited legibility at sheet 441.

"We think with these [shearing] machines we can do the work better, cheaper and quicker and with less men."

#### Sheets 444-445

From JVV, LA to Larco (first name or initial not given), (no place given), March 26, 1903.

Topic: Request that Larco pick up shearing machines from SB wharf and transport them to SRI, along with mail for Frank Pepper.

#### Sheet 446

From JVV, LA to WLV, Stratford Hotel, Chicago, March 23, 1903.

Topics: Shearing machines, "Mildred E." Text for a telegram.

"Two horse power Fairbanks one thirty five shall I ship for shearing. Two offered Mildred."

From JVV, LA to John Q. Cameron, Nogales, Arizona, March 28, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchasing. Text for a telegram.

#### Sheet 447

From JVV, LA to John Q. Cameron, Tucson, Arizona, March 23, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchasing.

#### Sheet 448

From JVV, LA to William Muller, March 23, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

#### Sheet 449

From JVV, LA to Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., [SF], March 28, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

Sheets 450-451

From JVV, LA to Hugh Vail, [SB], March 28, 1903.  
Topic: Freight going to SRI [shearing machines].

Sheets 452-453

From JVV, LA to Union Gas Engine Co., SF, March 31, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

Sheet 454

From JVV, LA to H.J. Parmlee, (no place given), April 1, 1903.  
Topic: Forthcoming sale of horses and mules.

Sheet 455

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], April 4, 1903.  
Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

Sheet 456

From JVV, LA to Capt. J.G. Prescott, (no place given), April 4, 1903.  
Topics: Sale of "Mildred E," cover note for March pay.

Sheet 457

From JVV, LA to Robert Sloan, Globe, Arizona, April 10, 1903.  
Topic: Inquiry as to whether he has yearling steers for sale.

Sheet 458

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], April 15, 1903.  
Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI.

"What is Mrs. Miller's Oakland address?"

Sheet 459

From JVV, LA to James Gillespie, (no place given), April 11, 1903.  
Topic: Sale of "Mildred E."

Sheet 460

From JVV, LA to Eliza Miller, [Oakland, CA], April 13, 1903.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI. Transcribed to extent possible.

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Mrs. Eliza Miller

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Not having heard from you since your arrival in Oakland and with your sister and being desirous of consummating the trade for the S.R.I.Co. eighth without unnecessary delay I write you now to ask for your consideration and response regarding my [indistinct word].

With best wishes, very sincerely yours,  
J.V. Vickers

Sheet 461

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Olivos, CA], April 16, 1903.

Topic: Assessment of cattle for property tax purposes.

Sheet 462

From WLW, LA to Jarrett F. Richards, Esq., SB, April 16, 1903.

Topic: Acquisition of 1/8 interest in SRI (considering its being the subject of litigation).

Sheet 463

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], April 17, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI."

Sheet 464

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to Charles Tetzen & Co., SF, April 18, 1903.

Topic: Potential use of schooner "Edith."

"In reply to your letter of 17<sup>th</sup> inst., we wish you would advise us by return mail how soon your Schooner Edith could take about seven tons of freight from Santa Barbara to Santa Rosa Island for us and what your charge would be for the same. Also advise us whether you could bring sheep back from the Island on her, how many and the price you would charge us per head. Kindly let us know the size of the Edith."

Sheet 465

From JVV, LA to C.A. Storke, [SB], April 29, 1903.

Topic: Abalone fishery.

"Yours 28<sup>th</sup> rec'd. We got so little from the abalones last year that we do not wish any gathered this year. We prefer they should be let alone to grow larger. Kindly so advise parties [indistinct word] the [indistinct word], & oblige."

Sheet 466

From JVV, LA to Mrs. Cornelia A. Baldwin, April 29, 1903. Typewritten.

Topic: Acquisition of interest in SRI. Transcribed in full.

Superimposed on a copy of a letter from JVV to C.A. Storke, April 27, 1903, that is illegible except for the first and final lines.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 6 [sic]

Mrs. Cornelia A. Baldwin  
1868 Webster Street  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

As we would very much like to acquire the balance of the Santa Rosa Island, i.e. the Santa Rosa Island Co. 1/8<sup>th</sup>, which we contracted for before appeal from the decree of distribution was made, but on account of said appeal have not yet completed the purchase of, we would like to know for what sum you would agree to dismiss said appeal provided we can make a satisfactory trade with said Island Co. for said 1/8<sup>th</sup>.

Kindly let us know, and oblige,  
Yours very respectfully,  
Vail & Vickers

Sheet 467

From JVV, LA to W.D. Cleveland, Mgr., (company and place not given), April 30, 1903.

Topic: Purchase of a hoist (for schooner "SRI").

Sheet 468

From JVV, LA to Cal. Powder Co., SF, May 1, 1903.

Topic: Purchase of 10 gallons of glycerin.

#### Sheet 469

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], May 1, 1903.

Topic: Cover note for check.

#### Sheet 470

From JVV, LA to M. Olivant, [place illegible], May 6, 1903.

Topic: [Mostly illegible].

#### Sheet 471

From JVV, LA to Robert McGavin, (no place given), May 6, 1903.

Topic: Unknown, possibly a purchase. Limited legibility.

#### Sheet 472

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, [Separ, New Mexico], May 14, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchasing (yearling steers).

#### Sheets 473-474

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], May 21, 1903.

Topic: Cattle sales.

#### Sheet 475 (recto)

From JVV, LA to [name illegible], Safford, Arizona, June 4, 1903.

Topic: Freight rates. Text for a telegram.

#### Sheet 475 (verso)

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, Separ, New Mexico, May 21, 1903.

Topic: Prospective cattle purchase. Text for a telegram.

#### Sheets 476-477

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, [Separ, New Mexico], May 21, 1903.

Topic: Prospective cattle purchase.

#### Sheets 478-479

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], May 21, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI" (finishing steps).



Sheet 480

From JVV, LA to R.G. Sloan, Globe, Arizona, May 22, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheet 481

From JVV, LA to R.E. Parks, Safford, Arizona, May 22, 1903.

Topic: Prospective cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheets 482-483

From JVV, LA to R.G. Sloan, Globe, Arizona, May 23, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheet 484

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, Hachita, New Mexico, May 27, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheets 485-486

From JVV, LA to R.G. Sloan, [Globe, Arizona], May 27, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheet 487

From JVV, LA to Henry Miller, SF, May 27, 1903.

Topics: Missed connection, construction of schooner "SRI."

"We think our boat will be done next week."

Sheet 488

From JVV, LA to R.G. Sloan, [Globe, Arizona], May 29, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheet 489

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to R.G. Sloan, Globe, Arizona, June 2, 1903.

"My brother away. He will answer your telegram tomorrow."

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to J.M. Cox, Los Alamos, CA, [June 2, 1903].

Topic: Water supply for cattle.

From Sumner P. Vickers, LA to Baker Brothers, Hachita, New Mexico, June 2, 1903.

"My brother away today. Will return tomorrow and wire you."

Sheet 490

From JVV, LA to R.E. Parks, Safford, Arizona, June 3, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase. Text for a telegram.

Sheets 491-492

From JVV, LA to J.M. Cox, [Los Alamos, CA], June 3, 1903.

Topics: Joel Fithian, water supply for cattle, construction of schooner "SRI."

"We tried our new boat yesterday. She runs well and I think will be working next week."

Sheets 493-494

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, [Hachita, New Mexico], June 3, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase. Limited legibility.

Sheets 495-496

From JVV, LA to B.F. Parks, (no place given), June 4, 1903.

Topics: Cattle purchase (yearling steers), freight rates.

Sheets 497-498

From JVV, LA to Baker Brothers, Hachita, New Mexico, June 4, 1903.

Topic: Cattle purchase (yearling steers).

Sheet 499 illegible

Sheet 500

From JVV, LA to William Muller, [San Pedro, CA], June 5, 1903.

Topic: Construction of schooner "SRI." Limited legibility.